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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE

1. FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING MRS. CARTER'S AND AMY'S SCHEDULES WERE PASSED TO US BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. WE ASSUME THAT SUSAN HAGGERTY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES TO ASSIST WITH AMY. PARTICULARLY ON FRIDAY, JULY 14, AMY PROBABLY WILL WANT TO DO SEPARATE THINGS. AMY MAY WANT TO VISIT SOME OF THE SUGGESTED SIGHTSEEING SIGHTS IN BONN ON THAT MORNING.

3. REGARDING SUGGESTIONS FOR SIGHTSEEING IN BONN ON JULY 14, AT THIS TIME WE PREFER TO SCHEDULE FOR MRS. CARTER A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF GERMAN PRESS. WILL THE EMBASSY PLEASE PREPARE A SUGGESTED CONFIDENTIAL

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LIST OF SIX FOR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TO LAST 45 MINUTES, I.E. BETWEEN MRS. SCHEEL'S COFFEE AND MRS. SCHMIDT'S LUNCH. NO CONTACTS SHOULD BE MADE OR INVITATIONS EXTENDED UNTIL WHITE HOUSE PRESS ADVANCE HAS HAD CHANCE TO REVIEW LIST AND DISCUSS WITH MRS. CARTER'S PRESS SECRETARY.

4. REGARDING EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPARATE SCHEDULE

FOR MRS. CARTER AND AMY IN FRANKFURT, WE HAVE REVIEWED ACTUAL TIME AVAILABLE AND NATURE OF EVENT AT BRIDGAGE 76 AND WANT MRS. CARTER AND AMY TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT ON THIS PORTION OF THE TRIP.

5. WE WILL NOT HAVE ADVANCE STAFF IN FRANKFURT OR BERLIN FOR MRS. CARTER'S VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT. REQUEST FSO BE ASSIGNED TO ASSIST MRS. CARTER AND HER STAFF DURING THE VISITS TO EACH CITY.

6. MRS. CARTER WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE MRS. SCHOELLER, MRS. VON STADEN AND MRS. STOESSEL ACCOMPANY HER ON HER TRIPS SUNDAY AND MONDAY. WE DO HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT WE CAN KEEP THE REST OF THE PARTY TO A MINIMUM.

7. WE EXPECT PRESS TO ACCOMPANY US ON BOTH DAYS. WE DO NOT WANT TO RESTRICT COVERAGE TO A POOL. COULD THE EMBASSY PLEASE PREPARE ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF GERMAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN PRESS WHO MIGHT WANT TO COVER THE FIRST LADY. AT THIS TIME, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN PRESS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY, BUT PARTICULARLY ON JULY 16, EXPECT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER.

8. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SPECIAL CAR ON THE SCHEDULED TRAIN FOR TRIP TO BINGEN. WHILE AT THIS TIME WE CAN'T ESTIMATE NUMBER OF PRESS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY, WE PROBABLY

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WILL NEED AN ADDITIONAL PRESS CAR.

9. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FRG PROVIDE A CHARTERED STEAMER FOR THE TRIP UP THE RHINE. COULD THE EMBASSY PLEASE SUGGEST WHAT SIZE BOATS ARE AVAILABLE. WE WILL WANT A BOAT THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE THE PRESS AS WELL AS THE TRAVELING PARTY.

10. PLANS NEED TO BE MADE TO FEED BOTH PRESS AND TRAVELING PARTY ON THE BOAT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY HAVING SUGGESTIONS READY WHEN ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES.

11. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE VISIT TO LINZ SHOULD BE AS INFORMAL AND AS MUCH FUN AS POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT WANT ANY SPEECHES SCHEDULED. WE EXPECT A VERY BRIEF WELCOMING CEREMONY WITH TWO OFFICIALS AND THEN HOPE THE TOWNS-PEOPLE WILL PLAN SOME FESTIVE ACTIVITY TO ENTERTAIN MRS. CARTER. MRS. CARTER WANTS TO HAVE THE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND TALK WITH THE TOWNSPEOPLE. SINCE LINZ IS A SISTER CITY WITH MARIETTA, GEORGIA, WE WANT TO INCLUDE PARTICULARLY THOSE CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM. ADVANCE PARTY WILL BE PREPARED

TO DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL THIS EVENT WITH THE EMBASSY STAFF.

12. WE WISH TO DELAY A FINAL DECISION ON DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT UNTIL THE ADVANCE TEAM HAS HAD A CHANCE TO SEE RESTAURANTS AND DISCUSS OTHER ALTERNATIVES WITH THE EMBASSY STAFF.

13. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT MRS. CARTER VISIT BURG ELTZ ON MONDAY. FINAL DETAILS ON THIS PART OF THE TRIP WILL BE WORKED OUT WHEN ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES.

14. WE HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE LENGTH OF THE DAY AND MAY WANT TO SHORTEN RETURN TRIP FROM THE BURG IN ORDER

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TO GIVE HER A BIT MORE FREE TIME IN THE AFTERNOON.

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